

Remarks

Claims 1 to 16 have been amended to place them in a format more reflective of standard U.S. patent practice. No prohibited new matter has been introduced by any of the amendments.

Technically Related Applications

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following technically related U.S. patent applications of Applicants' assignee.

Inventor	U.S. Application No. Filing Date	U.S. Patent No. Issue Date	Examination Status
Inghardt <i>et al.</i>	10/432,411 May 21, 2003	7,129,233 October 31, 2006	
Ingardt <i>et al.</i>	11/520,063 September 13, 2006		Non-Final Office Action
Firas Al-Saffar <i>et al.</i>	11/816,998 August 23, 2007		Unexamined
Bosson <i>et al.</i>	11/913,224 October 31, 2007		Unexamined

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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